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SUBJ: AAA DECLARES TRUCE

1. AS REPORTED BY FBIS, A COMMUNIQUE WAS RECEIVED ON MAY 27 BY THE BA HERALD ALLEGEDLY FROM THE AAA IN WHICH THE RIGHT WING TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SAID IT WOULD SUSPEND OPERATIONS FOR 90 DAYS. THE TRUCE WAS GRANTED SUPPOSEDLY IN RESPONSE TO INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA'S CALL FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE AND TO GIVE THE GOA TIME TO FIND AN EFFECTIVE LEGAL MEANS FOR COMBATING LEFTIST TERRORISTS.

2. LA OPINION, WHICH CARRIED AN ARTICLE RECOUNTING THE HERALD VERSION, IS THE ONLY OTHER PAPER TO PRINT THE STORY. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS APPARENTLY SENT ONLY TO THE HERALD AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE ITS AUTHENTICITY. AS ROCAMORA POINTED OUT LAST WEEK IN HIS CHAT WITH REPORTERS (SEE BA 3739) THE AAA IS NOT ONE ORGANIZATION BUT SEVERAL.

3. COMMENT: IF THE COMMUNIQUE IS AUTHENTIC IT MOST LIKELY CAME FROM THE GROUP BELIEVED TO BE CONTROLLED BY LOPEZ REGA OR ONE OF HIS UNDERLINGS. IT WILL REMAIN TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE POLICE, THE ARMY AND OTHER AD HOC GROUPS WILL DESIST FROM ELIMINATING LEFTISTS TO MAINTAIN THE APPEARANCE OF A TRUCE. IN ADDITION TO THE REASON STATED IN THE COMMUNIQUE, THE TRUCE COULD BE IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PRESSURE AGAINST RIGHTWING

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TERRORISM (SEE BA 3739) ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION CURRENTLY

MAKING THE ROUNDS RELATES THIS TO THE RECENT COMMAND CHANGES IN THE ARMY. ACCORDING TO THIS VERSION GEN ANAYA ANGERED LOPEZ REGA BY SENDING FORWARD A REPORT ON THE AAA PREPARED BY BRIG GEN VIDELA IN WHICH LOPEZ REGA WAS IMPLICATED. THIS SUPPOSEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO ANAYA'S DOWNFALL AND THE REFUSAL TO PUT VIDELA IN CHARGE OF THE FIRST CORPS. IN THE FACE OF VIDELA'S REPORT, PERHAPS IT WAS FELT THAT THE AAA SHOULD ASSUME A LOWER PROFILE, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.

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